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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our first 1975 Journal is presently in the mail to you. It is sincerely hoped that all members will appreciate and approve the efforts of our Publications Committee, consisting of Mr. Walter Griggs of Brantford and Editor Frank Rose.

The 1975 C.N.A. Election is now open for nominations by members clubs and individual members. Full details published in the January issue of the C.N.J., informed members of the appointment of Mr. E. Victor Snell to the position of Chairman of the Election Committee. Mr. Snell will be assisted by two previous members of the C.N.A. Executive, Mr. Walter Griggs, Brantford, Ont. and Mr. John McKay-Clements, Haileybury, Ont. All nominations should be directed to the C.N.A. Election chairman, P.O. Box 2193, St. Catharines, Ont. L2M 6P6.

I am indeed very pleased with the 1975 membership renewals. Our General Secretary has advised that as of this date, these are comparable with last year's returns, on a percentage basis.

We have, however, received numerous letters from members asking: 'Why the big increase'. As members were informed in the November, 1974 Journal, an increase in membership dues was necessary if the Association was to continue it's successful operation. Many have also asked: 'Why don't you sell some bonds'. Those asking this question should have referred to the C.N.A. Financial Statement published in the October, 1974 Journal, which lists under the heading, LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY sums totalling \$15,656.00 being the Life Membership fund, the J.D.Ferguson Award Trust Fund and the Building Fund, which are not available for current expenses. The General Fund, totalling \$6,000, and held in bonds, would result in a loss if credited to the current account, the bonds have to be held until their maturity date. These were purchased some years ago, when the Association did have a cash surplus.

Members who took time to attend the last General Meeting, were given a very comprehensive explanation of our financial situation and this resulted in a vote authorizing the increases in membership dues. Despite the near 100% increase, your Executive and Officers are extremely encouraged with the renewals of loyal members who have assured the Association of their continued support.

Our General Secretary has requested I inform all members that some are not showing their Postal or Zip codes on their renewal applications. To correctly direct the Journal, this is very essential. Junior members are requested to give their date and year of their birth in order that their applications may be cleared in the quickest possible time.

Louise Graham

EDITOR'S NOTES:



Toronto's CENTRAL COIN CLUB, conceived in November of 1961, recently mailed it's January, 1975 (Vol. V, No. 1) bound, booklet type, bulletin, which featured an 8—page article by the Club Historian, Roy Longo of Toronto. The article, entitled 'A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CENTRAL COIN CLUB' recalled that cold November day, on which a handful of Toronto collectors and dealers met at the Central Y.M.C.A., Toronto, to inaugurate the club, which today has grown into Canada's largest and by far the most attended coin club.

The successful growth of this 14 - year old numismatic organization is the result of the dedication of it's past and present executive members. Careful planning and regular executive meetings, attended by all officers, has certainly brought success to the 'Central'. At any given meeting, it is not surprising to find more than 30 coin and stamp dealers operating bourse tables, nor is it very strange to encounter between 200 and 500 members and guests in attendance. The C.C.C. success story is proof that any willing and able club executive could guide it's organization to the top of the ladder.

As a collector you are always invited to attend any 'Central' meeting. These are held on the first Sunday of every month at the St. Lawrence Hall, Salon 'A' third floor, 157 King Street East, Toronto, Ont., at 1:30 p.m. The bourse area is open from 10 a.m. to 5 pm on meeting days. All those attending may participate in the Club Auction, listen to interesting guest speakers and perhaps win the lucky draw.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I have been collecting Canadian coins for two years. Last year the 1968 Dollar Varieties came to light, i.e. Island, Small Island and No Island. So I decided to check all my silver dollar dates for this flaw. As a result, other than the ones known, I found the 1965 and 1966 silver dollars to be also 'No Island' variety, either in sets or singly.

For this past year, I have been to all the weekly shows checking quietly all the dealers for one with the island in either date, however unsuccessfully.

John Palassio, 11583
Montreal, Que.

To the Editor:

I wish to congratulate you on the 'new look' of the January issue of the C.N.A. JOURNAL. The quality of the paper is greatly improved and the outside cover is very attractive.

Sincerely yours,
VINCENT G. GREENE

To the Editor:

I don't really know if anyone will believe this one but I know that it's true and would at least like to let others know about it to let them draw their own conclusions on this matter as well as to solicit their input.

I've been collecting coins for about 22 years now - since I was 13 years old. Early in my collecting life, I had occasion to write a note to the Canadian Mint Director to make a special request, which was certainly more than adequately responded to as far as I am concerned. I asked and paid for an uncirculated set of the current year's coins - what - ever that year was. What I received is the main issue here since I received a six coin set (in white cardboard coin holder) of 1953 coins. I have since that time had to remove the coins from that holder to put them into a plastic holder. This all was necessitated by a gradual disintegration of the original transparent paper covering the coin, coupled with my basic interest to protect the coins. I still have the original holder however - just in case.

The reason for my bringing this to your attention of course is that all of the catalogues on Canadian coins which I've had occasion to check indicate that these uncirculated sets were only minted beginning in 1954. Local dealers have been of little assistance in this matter except to offer me a few dollars for the set, but I am most interested in finding out more about it and would greatly appreciate your assistance.

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BROCK'S MONUMENT AND BR. 724

By R.J. Graham, LM 126

For over a century it has frequently been asserted that Breton #724 portrays the first monument constructed at Queenston Heights in memory of Sir Isaac Brock. However, the historical record does not support this contention. A little review of history will help put matters in perspective.

In the early morning hours of October 13, 1812, the Americans, who were smarting from their defeats at Detroit by Gen. Isaac Brock, and at Mackinac at the hands of Brock's aide-de-camp, Col. John MacDonnell, launched an offensive against Upper Canada at Queenston. At Fort George, seven miles away, Brock was awakened by the distant sound of gunfire. He raced through the drizzle to the front, where a single cannon was attempting to dislodge the invaders below. Brock gave out orders to the gunner to correct his fire, then abruptly ordered the 18-pounder's fuse to be spiked when he caught sight of enemy forces which had scaled the heights behind. Leading a bayonet charge against the invaders on the heights, Brock's large frame and scarlet uniform presented an easy target. Ignoring a bullet which smashed his wrist, he was felled by a second bullet, through his chest, and was carried to the village of Queenston, a little back from the battlefield, where he soon expired. MacDonnell suffered the same fate while leading a second charge. Upon their arrival, Gen. Sheaffe and his troops circled around the Americans and routed them completely. In this he was aided immensely by the refusal of American reinforcements to join the fray. At the close of the day, Upper Canada was again secure, temporarily, but Brock was gone. Brock's early successes in the war gave the utterly demoralised, fearful inhabitants of Upper Canada the first inkling that they could resist the Americans and Manifest Destiny after all, if they would but do battle with the invaders, without regard for their superior numbers. Brock's heroism set the pattern for the remainder of the war, and he was aptly entitled "the Hero of Upper Canada." Prior to his convincing performance, most Canadians, like Thomas Jefferson, believed that the American Conquest of Canada would be "a mere matter of marching".

At Niagara the sixteenth of October was a day of mourning. Following an impressive funeral procession the bodies of Brock and MacDonnell were interred in the York bastion of Fort George. By order of the U.S. commanding officer, Maj.-Gen. Van Rensselaer, salutes were fired from the forts on the American side, in honour of their valiant foe. After Brock's funeral there were suggestions that a monument ought to be erected in his memory.

In 1815 the Parliament of Upper Canada voted the necessary funds for the construction of an impressive monument on Queenston Heights. This first monument was a Tuscan column 135 feet high, with a spiral stair inside, leading to a gallery at the top which commanded a magnificent view. This monument was to begin and end in violence.

On the first day of June, 1824, the cornerstone was laid with the usual ceremony. William Lyon MacKenzie, then living at Queenston, was among those assembled for the occasion. A glass vessel, hermetically sealed, and enclosing a number of coins and a copy of the Upper Canada Gazette, together with the recently issued first number of MacKenzie's paper, the Colonial Advocate, was placed in the cornerstone by Mr. MacKenzie. Through an account of the proceedings in the newspapers, Lt. Gov. Sir Peregrine Maitland learned, to his intense disgust, of the part which "the little rebel" had been permitted to take in the ceremony. In a rage, Sir Peregrine ordered the masonry, which had meanwhile reached a considerable height, torn down and the offending newspaper removed and the structure rebuilt, all at public

expense. This petty and malignant act provoked the worst of ill feelings between MacKenzie and the Family Compact administration of the day.

On the twelfth anniversary of the death of Sir Isaac Brock, Oct. 13, 1824, the bodies of Brock and Macdonnell were removed from Fort George and deposited in the vault at the base of the newly completed monument. Upon the monument was placed the following inscription:

"The legislature of Upper Canada has dedicated this monument to the very eminent civil and military services of the late Sir Isaac Brock, Knight of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Provincial Lieutenant-Governor and Major-General commanding the forces in this province, whose remains are deposited in the vault beneath.

Having expelled the North Western Army of the United States, achieved its capture, received the surrender of Fort Detroit and the Territory of Michigan, under circumstances which have rendered his name illustrious, he returned to the protection of this frontier, and advancing with his small forces to resist a second invasion of the enemy, then in possession of these heights, he fell in action on the 13th of October, 1812, in the forty-third year of his age, honored and beloved by the people whom he governed, and deplored by his sovereign, to whose service his life had been devoted."

Then on Good Friday, April 17, 1840, a miscreant by the name of Benjamin Lett, and a few other ruffians, crossed the border from the U.S. and blew up the monument so badly that it was about to collapse and could not be repaired. This act of vandalism was instigated by William Lyon MacKenzie, now a refugee and terrorist, operating from Navy Island in the Niagara River. His mental balance was, at this time in a sorry state, and he busied himself with mean and unjustifiable aggressions of every description, in an effort to provoke another war between the U.S. and Canada.

Later that year, a great public gathering was held at the site of the monument, with Lieutenant-Governor Sir George Arthur presiding. The result of the meeting was the decision to build a second monument, even larger than the first. Brock was buried in a private cemetery at Queenston while the second monument was being constructed. Built at a cost of \$50,000, the present monument was completed in 1858. On Oct. 13, 1853, again on the anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights, Canada's most buried general was interred in the vault of the uncompleted monument. The monument still stands today. In addition there is another monument to Brock, a stone placed by Edward VII, as Prince of Wales, during his visit to Canada in 1860, on the spot where Brock fell.

Since the first monument to the "Hero of Upper Canada" was not built until 1824, it does not seem likely that it is portrayed on Breton #724, dated 1816. Indeed, the urn and pedestal bear no resemblance whatever to a Tuscan column 135 feet high. Yet in his 1869 catalogue, *Coins, Tokens and Medals of the Dominion of Canada*, Alfred Sandham, who earned himself something of a reputation for jumping to conclusions, wrote,

"The design on the obverse of this coin was taken from the original monument, erected in memory of Sir Isaac Brock, on the Queenston Heights. It was maliciously blown up by a person named Lett, who was afterwards imprisoned for robbery in the United States. It has been replaced by a handsome monument, by the loyal subjects of Her Majesty in Upper Canada, (now Ontario.)"

Sandham's story was woven into Breton's account, in his 1894 catalogue, in which he claims,

"The design on this piece is a representation of the first monument erected in memory of General Brock, which was maliciously destroyed by a man named Lett, who blew it up."

That there was no monument to Brock in 1816, the presumed date of issue of the coin, is confirmed by John Howison, whose *Sketches of Upper Canada* was published in 1821. He writes of Brock,

"The Canadians hold the memory of this brave and excellent man in great veneration, but have not yet attempted to testify their respect for his virtues in any way, except by showing to strangers the spot on which he received his mortal wound."

While more cautious authors refer to the device on Br 724 simply as an urn and pedestal, the notion of Sandham that it was intended to portray the original monument has been circulated by others many times since 1869. The pages of this journal have occasionally been used in this capacity. The legend, the design, and the inscription "FELL OCT. 13, 1812" on the pedestal leave no doubt that the token was intended as a memorial to Brock. However, the story that the design was taken from the original monument is nothing but a venerable numismatic myth.

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— The Editor

CONCERNING DISPLAYS, JUDGING & POINT SYSTEMS

by Larry Gingras, F.R.N.S., F.C.N.R.S.

Back in 1940, during my early years in numismatics, I was drafted to work in an aircraft factory in Winnipeg because I had had some experience in the industry. To boost morale within the company, management suggested that social groups be formed among those sharing similar interests, and this is how I became involved with a small coin club within the MacDonald Aircraft Company. There were only about a dozen of us in this little group and we would meet at the homes of various members about once a month to talk shop, trade coins and to display some of our prized acquisitions. At that time the thought of having rules and regulations for displaying of coins never entered our minds. We were rather proud of some of the specimens in our collections and merely wished to share this with others.

With the forming of the Canadian Numismatic Association and other clubs who hold annual shows, the displaying of coins, medals tokens etc. became an essential part of these shows. In order to improve the quality of displays they were put on a competitive basis with awards going to those judged best. This meant the drawing up of specific rules and regulations and this is where the trouble seems to have originated. I say trouble because when you put human beings on a competitive basis, pitted against one another with an unsatisfactory set up in the display room, too many unqualified judges, and a questionable point system, it can only lead to trouble. The problem, therefore, could be greatly reduced by :

- A. Straightening out the mess in the display room
- B. Utilizing better judges.
- C. Changing the point system

THE DISPLAY ROOM

I'm sure anyone who has served as a judge will agree it is much better to have all displays of a particular category grouped together rather than spread all over the display room. The judge must be able to stand back and observe all the displays in a category in order to decide, for example, which display has the best eye appeal.

The eye appeal for all displays in a particular category should be judged at one time before going on to judging for the other points. If the judge gives x number of points for eye appeal, then records the other points, and after about ten minutes or so he manages to locate the next display, there is no way he is going to be able to make a fair comparison between the two. Practically everyone viewing the exhibits prefers to see these exhibits grouped together in their respective category. Suppose, for example, you were a paper money enthusiast going in to see the displays. Although you would be interested in seeing all the displays, your prime objective nevertheless would be to see the paper money exhibits and although some of you may not admit it, I am certain you would much prefer to see all such exhibits in the same area of the room.

Many will recall years ago when there was little trouble getting three of the top numismatists to serve as judges but as the shows became larger and more displays were entered it meant asking three good men to spend about four hours, or more, judging up to fifty displays and most of this time being spent chasing all over the display room looking for a particular display in a particular category in order to judge it. Some judges are known to have given up in disgust after awhile in order to attend to other matters of importance to them they eventually filled in the remaining judging sheets with any figures that came to mind without studying the displays. Many of the better judges made all sorts of excuses in order to avoid going through the ordeal again.

THE JUDGING

Because of the shambles in the display room we have been unable in most cases, to attract the better numismatists and have had to settle far too often for the services of men who lack the background and qualifications to serve as competent judges. This is not fair to the displayer.

Some of you may recall the time I displayed the Ashley Cooper Dies (along with examples of the medal struck from them) at a C.N.A. Convention. The title on the display, in bold letters, read: THE COOPER DIES. In the text I underlined the fact that Only One Set of Dies Were Cut. Remember, the title on the display said "THE Cooper Dies" - not any dies, but the Cooper Dies. The medals were only used to add colour to the display. I thought I had made it quite clear, by using the word "Dies" in the title and underlining the fact that only "One" set was cut, that I was displaying a Unique item. Now nothing can be rarer than a unique item and therefore I should have received the full 25 points for rarity, as well as the allotted 15 points for relative condition and the 10 points for completeness. Would you believe it, I received the paltry sum of "5" points for rarity and equally devastating points for the latter two and sure enough I found out later the judges were recent newcomers to numismatics.

Please bear in mind I am not grumbling because I did not receive full points for rarity, condition and completeness - I was merely disgusted with the stupidity of the entire display procedure. Being still convinced the display had merit and wishing to prove my point, I entered the same display again in a regional show and received a first place award. My suspicions were confirmed and I found out I had received full points for rarity, condition and completeness and that the judges were seasoned numismatists. The answer of course, apart from straightening out the mess in the display room, is to cut down the number of displays a person has to judge by having more judges who will be responsible for only one, or possible two categories, and this will help to attract the better men back again. With this assurance I feel quite certain that few of the qualified judges would refuse to give a half hour of their time to help at the show.

THE POINT SYSTEMS

This brings us to the point systems in current use, the most atrocious being those which state a displayer MUST receive a minimum of so many points in order to receive an award. There are several arguments put forth in support of this assinine ruling, the prevalent being that if a displayer knows he has to receive say a minimum of 75 points for a first award he will put more effort into his work and the overall calibre of displays at our shows will be improved. This, of course, is a lot of hogwash as 95% of those entering a competitive display ARE striving to present the best possible.

What does it tell us where we see an exhibit in category A receive a total of 90 points and an exhibit in category B receives only 50 points? Many are under the impression the judges are saying the category A exhibit is superior but this is not necessarily so. It could be telling us one or both of the judges are unqualified, but more than likely it is telling us one judge is liberal and the the other conservative in his judging. Remember that, under the above ruling, if all the judges at the show were very conservative in their judging we would probably not see a first place award.

At one show where I served as a judge we were informed that since there was only one entry in a certain category we could award the entrant no higher than a 2nd place award. I'm sure there is no need to go into detail to explain how discriminating this is.

When a child at school writes an examination he may find there are 25 questions on the paper each of which are worth 4 points. In such cases the teacher has only to

add up the number of correct answers and multiply this by 4 to arrive at the total. There is little problem here - an answer is either right or wrong but for the life of me I cannot see how any judge can look at two different displays and say this one should receive 20 points for numismatic information and that one only 18 points. The only occasion where a judge can be accurate in awarding points under the present systems, is when FULL points for either rarity or completeness and possibly condition. Relative condition that is.

I would say we would be far better off if, for example, where there are 3 displays in a category we throw out the present system of awarding them say 20, 17 and 15 points for numismatic information and substitute this for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. best, and this can only be done properly if all displays in a category are grouped together for easier assessment. The displayer is not interested in knowing how many points he received. As a matter of fact he would have great difficulty convincing the head judge to supply this information. All the displayer is interested in is knowing whether or not he receives an award.

Let me show you the actual points awarded in one category at a recent coin show and compare these with the system I am suggesting.

		Display 1	Display 2	Display 3	Display 4
Numismatic Information	(35 pts)	31	28	30	24
Originality	(25 pts)	21	18	17	15
Eye Appeal	(25 pts)	20	22	18	19
Condition	(5 pts)	4	4	4	3
Completeness	(5 pts)	4	4	5	4
Rarity	(5 pts)	3	2	3	4
		<u>100 pts</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>69</u>

The fact that the judge in the above case awarded an equal number of points for condition in the first three displays is another indication the present systems need overhauling. There is no way that condition can be absolutely identical in three different displays.

Now if the same man were to judge the same displays using the system I suggest, that is, the display with the best numismatic information would be number one, the next best would be number two, and so on, he would arrive at the following:

	Display 1	Display 2	Display 3	Display 4
Numismatic Information	1	3	2	4
Originality	1	2	3	4
Eye Appeal	2	1	4	3
Condition	1	1	1	2
Completeness	2	2	1	2
Rarity	2	3	2	1
	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>

As you can see the results would be the same, with the only difference being that the display with the lowest number of points would receive the first award.

Changing the point systems is, of course, the major issue being brought out in this paper. To some it may seem a little far fetched but it certainly beats the systems we have been using. Could any point system be more ridiculous than the ones we have been using?

OLYMPIC DESIGN COMPETITION

OTTAWA - The Honorable Bryce S. Mackasey, Minister responsible for the Olympic Coin Program, today announced there will be an international competition to design the sixth of the seven series of Olympic Coins.

"This competition is open to persons living in any country with which Canada maintains diplomatic relations and which, among others, will be represented at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal," Mr. Mackasey explained. "By proposing this design competition to the world, Canada is underlining the inherent tradition of the Olympics heralded centuries ago in Greece - that of international participation."

Canada's Olympic Coin Program is the first venture of its kind aimed at selling coins worldwide to self-finance the Olympic Games.

"In inviting the world to help Canada in the design of these coins, we are proposing universal competition on an equal basis, which is the spirit of the Olympics," Mr. Mackasey added.

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SOME METRIC GUIDELINES FOR CANADIAN NUMISMATICS

by Harold Don Allen, LM 12

Professor Allen has been actively involved in the initial stages of Canada's metric changeover. The author of Canada Measures Up: A Guide to Metric Practices and co-author of Mathematics with Metric Measure, a textbook series for Canadian schools, is the President of Check Collectors Round Table, Inc., and Past-President of the International Bank Note Society, Montreal Numismatic Society, and Chibougamau Coin Club.

For reasons ably outlined in a White Paper, ¹ the government of Canada five years ago committed this country to an orderly changeover to the international system of measures based upon metric units--the so-called Systeme International (SI) of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). Responsibility for aspects of this conversion was delegated to two bodies, the Metric Commission (under the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce) and the Standards Council of Canada. Official sources increasingly allude to 1980 as target date for substantially complete conversion to international measures, a date which puts Canada somewhat behind the Republic of South Africa, United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand in the general shift to SI, but ahead of the United States, the only significant holdout, which at press time still had failed to take decisive action. ² Half-way through Canada's proposed changeover (initial years being, of necessity, largely devoted to investigation, planning, and scheduling), a great diversity of changes are becoming evident at consumer level, ³ and it is none too soon for the Canadian numismatist to look to the implications of international metric for articles, catalogues and exhibits of a numismatic nature. ⁴

Canadians have available to them at this point an abundance of sound background reading on this country's metric commitment. The Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs publishes *Metrication: A Guide for Consumers* (third edition, 1974). The Metric Commission (Box 4000, Ottawa) offers *How to Write and Type SI*, of particular relevance, an informative periodical, the *Metric Monitor*, and much more. Definitive studies on Canadian metric may be purchased from the Canadian Standards Association, Rexdale, Ontario: *National Standard of Canada: The International System of Units (SI)* (29 pages, \$2.50) and *National Standard of Canada: Metric Practice Guide* (44 pages, \$4.00). However, as numismatic descriptions tend, in the main, to involve dimensions of numismatic items, that is, linear measure, and "weight," strictly speaking, mass measure, a minimum of technical information will suffice for cataloguing and exhibiting purposes.

The width or thickness of a coin, token or medal, or dimension of a bank note, would best be expressed in millimetres, to a precision of the nearer millimetre or nearer tenth of a millimetre.

The mass "weight" of a numismatic item would normally be expressed in grams, to a precision of the nearer tenth, hundredth or thousandth of a gram. The kilogram base unit is large, likely to be restricted to Swedish copper plate money or Yap stone money if one concedes that a mint sack of coined silver is not a numismatic item.

International spellings, as endorsed for Canada, are: ¹ in the English language, metre, for the unit of length, gram, for mass and litre for fluid capacity; ² in the French language, metre for length, gramme for mass, and litre for capacity. More significant to the numismatist are associated symbols, identical for all languages. Those useful for numismatic descriptions, charts, maps, etc., include the following:

Symbol	Unit	Typical Use
mm	millimetre(s)	coin diameter
cm	centimetre(s)	body measurement
m	metre(s)	Plan of a field
ha	hectare(s)	area of a field
km	kilometre(s)	map distance between cities
g	gram(s)	mass of a coin
ml	millilitre(s)	fluid volume in a chemical test
cm ³	cubic centimetre	volume of a solid

Use of such international symbols is governed by strict rules, however the numismatist would do well to familiarize himself with such rules before employing international symbolism in an exhibit or catalogue listing. The rules are straightforward, and there is little excuse for error.

1. Symbols, not being abbreviations, should neither be pluralized nor followed by a period.

2. Symbols must be separated by a space from the numerals that precede them.

3. Symbols are not capitalized, at least not those cited above.⁵ Nor are they italicized, even if the context in which they appear is italicized.

4. Metric measures being decimal measures, subdivisions should be expressed in decimal fractions. Thus, 18.5 mm, not 18½ mm.

Units normally should be chosen that the numerical value is between 0.1 and 1.000 (e.g. 2.4 kg is preferred to 2400 g), and the above units should prove satisfactory in this regard.

Further, initial zeros are required with proper decimal fractions. A coin thickness should be recorded as 0.8 mm rather than .8 mm.

FOOTNOTES

1 *White Paper on Metric Conversion in Canada* [Ottawa: Information Canada, 1970], 50 cents.

2 Congress has before it, however, a most articulate and thorough marshalling of the argument for prompt conversion. See *United States Metric Study, A Metric America: A Decision whose Time has Come* [National Bureau of Standards Special Publication 345; Washington: United States Government Printing Office, 1971], \$2.25.

3 For readers resident outside Canada, to cite a few must suffice. Toothpaste, like all pharmaceuticals, now comes in standard metric sizes, typically 25, 50, 100, 150 millilitres. Groceries are dually labelled, in Imperial and international units--with such "metric" sizes as "500 grams--8.8 ounces" increasingly common. Highway signs in kilometres are appearing in all provinces. Celsius temperature reports will be universal from April 1, 1975. And young children, more and more are being taught "metric only" from earliest grades.

4 Clearly, the numismatist everywhere will need scrupulously correct SI in international writing and competition. This aspect has been discussed in "International Metric in Numismatic Descriptions" in *The Numismatist*, official publication of the American Numismatic Association, December 1974, pp. 2528-29. However, the Canadian has national guidelines [as to spelling, symbolism, and usage], and the informed Canadian numismatist should follow these--much as he should adhere to correct terminology--not "penny", "dime"--in referring to Canadian coins.

5 Capitals are reserved for symbols for units derived from proper nouns, and for the prefixes for very large magnitudes, mega- = million and beyond.

COIN ERROR DISCOVERED WITHIN MINT

An error in a \$10. Olympic coin scheduled for release on January 20, 1975, has been discovered by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Shortly after the production of the coins was initiated inspectors at the Mint discovered that a figure on one of the four coins designed for Series III of the Olympic Coin Program had the large toe of both feet on the same side giving an appearance of two right feet.

Production was immediately halted and a design change ordered. Approximately 48,000 of the coins, less than a half day of mint production, had been struck when the error was discovered.

While all of these coins remain in the Mint, a few pre-production test pieces had been released for photographic purposes. All of these coins have been located and action has been taken to recover them.

In discussing the cause of the error, Derek W. Dawson, Acting Managing Director of the Olympic Coin Program explained: "The error slipped in while the artist was transferring his original drawings from detailed sketches of his anatomy studies to make up the final artwork. As the artist pointed out, it is a shame that an error which could have been easily corrected by an eraser was not discovered until a much later step in the production process."

The artist for Series III designs of early Canadian Sports was Ken Danby of Guelph, Ontario, one of Canada's finest and best known "realists."

The discovery of this error will not seriously affect the production schedule of the Olympic Coin Program. The January 20th launch will proceed as planned as well as all subsequent launches. Coins in sufficient quantity will be available to the public at that time through banks, financial institutions and Authorized Distributors.

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A SHORT COMMENT

By K. Wilmot, Presidnet, Stratford Coin Club.

RIP-OFF. A word which has become common and usually associated with big business relations and practices in connection with the consumer.

What bigger business than the Canadian Mint. They truly have a monopoly on the production of coins and justly so, but when there is deceit or misrepresentation in connection with their business, I feel a person must speak up.

Recently all members of Coin Clubs were given the opportunity to order encased coins at the official issue price. Many people took advantage of this kindness of the Government. They have recently begun to receive their filled orders.

The crux of the matter is simply one word - "Encased". The original offering could be purchased encapsulated. This was a solid plastic material electronically welded together. When the offer went out to Coin Club members, many thought the coins they were purchasing were encapsulated as opposed to not encapsulated; Neither was true. The coins were received in a plastic bubble with a cardboard back. I guess you can call that encased!

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The recataloguing process brought to our attention many interesting and sometimes rather obscure writings. In order to reclassify the books it was necessary to read many of them, and at the very least scan all of them. One slender volume I found of abiding interest, and the following excerpt may also arouse your interest:-

"COIN MOTTOES AND THEIR TRANSLATIONS"
by Stuart Mosher, Editor, *The Numismatist*. Reprinted from *The Numismatist*, 1948.

C.N.A. Catalogue Number AA 80 M6.

The following list of coin mottoes and their translations was started more than twenty years ago. In the beginning I had an ordinary interest in the meaning of the mottoes and kept a card file on everything I thought interesting. Very soon I had accumulated several hundred and I then set out to find the translation of them.

It often has been said that we are all ignorant, only ignorant about different things. Latin grammar was one of my strongholds of ignorance. In this I was fortunate for if I could have visualized what lay ahead it is doubtful if I would have started such a project.

I copied every translation I could find and was somewhat amazed to learn that it was not unusual to find several meanings given to the same motto. So armed with a Latin grammar and dictionary, and the firm belief that it could be done, I undertook to record and translate every motto I could find used on coins.

As my collection of mottoes increased, so did my interest. It was not until I had collected about one thousand mottoes that the idea occurred to me that other collectors might be interested in them. As time permitted, I added to, and corrected my list.

I encountered the most difficulty when the inscription had been garbled. Very often it was the fault of the engraver who abbreviated the motto and divided the words to suit the occasion. As if this did not cause enough confusion, cataloguers would often undertake to improve on the abridgement and as a result, the same motto will be found recorded many different ways.

Another obstacle, encountered by all who attempt to translate coin mottoes, is the obscurity of the original idea behind some mottoes. A handy example of this is our own coin motto, E PLURIBUS UNUM (One out of many). It might puzzle the most accomplished Latin scholar unless he were aware that it referred to our Country and not to the coin itself.

The study of these mottoes has been one of progressive interest and learning. At first they appeared to be little more than pious supplications or neat little phrases of studied humility. Then for a long period we find the issuers using their coins as a media of propaganda. Proud old cities were wont to proclaim through their coin mottoes that they were in a position (with the help of the Lord) to defy the entire world. Subsequent events often proved that they were either bluffing or that the expected help was not provided.

Mottoes designed to discourage the "love of money" are often met with and, with few exceptions, the idea behind such advice seems to have favored those in a position to receive tribute.

While the majority of coin mottoes are of a religious nature and often direct quotations from Holy Scripture, the composing of original ones once occupied the interest of all men of learning, wit and ability. In the old days, to have an original motto accepted by the ruling sovereign was quite an honor-equal we should imagine to receiving an honorary degree from a university.

It would be foolhardy to claim this compilation of mottoes and their translations to be complete; nor do we believe it to be free of error. We do believe, however, that it is by far the most complete list ever compiled and that the translations are reasonably accurate. It is my hope that it may someday encourage one of my betters to continue the project and produce a work of lasting importance.

At the conclusion of the list a bibliography will be given. In the meantime I wish to express my thanks to Miss Margaret Y. Henry of New York, for her untiring help and advice.

Abbreviations

Most abbreviated mottoes have been extended, though in some instances it has seemed advisable to retain the commonly accepted abbreviation. Occasionally, both the abbreviation and the complete motto is given.

Deciphering Mottoes

As it is sometimes difficult to tell which word begins a motto it is often necessary to use each word in alphabetical order until it is discovered in the list.

Use of Letter J

While J was recognized by the ancients as a different letter it is always represented by the same sign as the vowel I. Therefore, the words beginning with J have been incorporated with those beginning with I.

Use of Letter U

The vowel U was always represented by the letter V. The reason for this was because the V was easier to cut into stone and metal. We have retained the earlier style for to do otherwise would make the list very confusing.

Mottoes Other Than Latin

A few common mottoes in languages other than Latin have been included but they do not rightfully belong in the list. It is hoped that they will not confuse or lessen its value.

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A, AN, ANN, ANNO— Year.

A A A F F (Auro argento aere flando feriundo) Gold, silver, copper, coined by blowing, coined by striking.

A BON DROIT With good right.

A DEO ET PRO DEO - From God and for God.

A DEO PAX ET INCREMENTVM - From God, peace and prosperity.

A DOMINO FACTVM EST ISTVD - By the Lord was this done.

A DOMINO FACTVM EST ISTVD ET EST MIRABILE - By the Lord this was done and it is marvelous.

A DOMINI FACTVM EST ISTVD ET EST MIRABILE IN OCVLIS NOSTRIS - By the Lord this was done and it is marvelous in our eyes.

AB INCVNABVLLIS - From the cradle.

AB INVIDIS ERIPE ME D - Deliver me from the envious, O. God.

The Junior Member

BY Paul Johnson



What does the term "numismatist" mean to you? As a young collector, have you ever thought about it? Recently I received some thoughts on this subject from Leslie Brown which I would like to share with you in this column. Les is Vice-President of the C.Y.N. and J.N.C.C.A.; Secretary of Central Coin Club and Junior member of the C.N.A.

"You as a collector of coins have taken the term "numismatist", but whether you deserve this name is another question. "Numismatist" should be a name awarded for merit and service to the hobby and not as it is today, participation in the field. Most collectors I know have taken it upon themselves to collect a series of Canadian coins, usually Canadian decimal. Yet on the death of these people they will leave only accumulated coins behind, and will in fact have contributed nothing other than higher prices to the hobby. Numismatics is the study of coins, yet what has the average collector done to improve the knowledge of varieties of coins or information about these coins? For the most part nothing

is accomplished by the average collector. When he should be busy doing a study of his coins or going through local documents to find information concerning his coins, the average collector will be found at a huge coin show with big grin as he wins a trophy for coins of which he knows nothing other than dates, types and prices.

It has always been my chief preoccupation to learn about coins in general along with the history of the country in the period of issue. Thus I have learned about the economics, political and social implications, etc. that surround a coin. It is in this way that I justify the proud term of "numismatist" to myself, and as an individual I hate to see it misused.

Most people, I am afraid, do not realize the knowledge that can be gained as a numismatist; any information they have about their coins is for the most part gleaned from Charlton's or Yeoman's coin guides.

I feel that anyone who collects a date series of coins is not a "numismatist", but a collector or accumulator of coins. Unless you are prepared to expend work on your hobby you do not deserve the name "numismatist".

The work I have called for is as hard and rewarding as you choose to make it. This work could be as little as researching the die engraver of a certain coin, or as big as finding out where the metal for the coin might have originated. Another pastime gaining popularity today is to take a trade token and research the firm that issued it. You might find local history interesting, too. In fact, the possibilities are almost endless!

It is my hope that in the future the common collector will contribute to numismatics in a way undreamed of today. It is for you to begin this trend even without mention or trophies. There is no trophy or medal that can beat the personal satisfaction that accompanies uncovering unknown details about a coin or medal. In this way we of today can outstrip the pioneers and be called in the future, "He was a NUMISMATIST of the GOLDEN AGE."

I presented the above article because I agreed fully with Les that research is the key to numismatics. Your comments would be very much appreciated and maybe I can present your thoughts in a future column of "The Junior Member". Write to Paul Johnson, P.O. Box 41, Station "O", Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Report of the General Secretary

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7597	N. Bedford	9270	Robert N. Miles
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11798	Richard Diskin	11926	John S. Queen
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8989	Samson Fong	11611	Lothar Schoenawa
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11562	Thomas Koptie	4093	W.A. Wolley-Dod
9176	Jean Labbee	LM 130	Louis Zeelsdorf

DECEASED

The Executive Committee and members of the Association wish to convey their condolences to the families and friends of the following members.

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3508	Raymon F. Hatfield, Lebanon, Ohio, U.S.A.
9570	William Martin, Cobourg, Ont.
4589	Charles Martorana, Jamaica, N.Y. U.S.A.
11574	Walter J. Perowitz, Portland, Oreg., U.S.A.

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Also forward the names of the new Club Executives for 1975 and any changes in the club directory for the Journal.

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T2P 2J3
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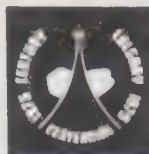
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CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB

The 80th meeting of the C.O.C.C. was held at the War Museum Nov. 25, 1974 with 27 members and 5 guests present. The retiring President, Len Fletcher, gave his report, which will be printed in the bulletin. Ruth M. as Secretary and Editor, gave her reports.

Len Fletcher pointed out that under the circumstances, the executive had the power to elect a President, and this job had been taken by Johnny Johnston. The new 1st Vice-President is Glenn Rodger, and the 2nd Vice-President is Michael Curry. Jack Roberts moved that these officers elected by the outgoing executive be adopted. This was seconded by Mr. Kaslove. Len Fletcher then turned the meeting over to Johnny Johnston.

M. Curry moved that a vote of thanks be given to Len for a job well done, and he received a hearty round of applause. The new President thanked him for his excellent report. It was moved by H. Kaslove and seconded by R. Kelly that the minutes be adopted as printed. The secretary pointed out that part of our healthy looking savings account was money left in trust to pay for a yearly trophy for the winner of the Norval Parker Memorial Trophy.

Members were pleased to see our Honorary President Guy Potter.

Len had recieved a letter from the C.N.A. written by Ken Prophet. This was in reply to his letter of protest regarding the raising of dues, and it was read by Mr. Johnston. The secretary then read an excerpt from the Waterloo Coin Society News on this same subject.

Jack Roberts said he thought our delegate should have received notice and been prepared to discuss the subject of dues at the convention. Jack Roberts said everyone should protest. Michael Curry said money could be saved by cutting down on the number of Journals. Len said that only the financial report was published, but members could write for the other reports, and he intended to do this.

A reply from the War Museum confirmed that Dec. 16th was available for our next meeting, and an indication, by 'phone, was given that we could continue to use the room next year.

The secretary said that Peter Degraaf was willing to bring his microscope to the next meeting and suggested that members bring any coin that they wished to examine.

Johnny Johnston reported on his trip to Monex. He thought there were about 80 bourse table placed in different rooms. He did not think the attendance was very good, and found the auction included assorted items, making it difficult to know when items would be auctioned.

Mr. H. Kaslove then gave us an interesting talk about what a judge looks for in an exhibit. He gave us some very useful information and ideas, and this was appreciated by the members.

HALIFAX COIN CLUB

The December meeting was dominated by the important election of officers for 1975. Results are as follows:

President - Clarey Pelley, Vice-President - Don Olmstead, Secretary - Art Burchell, Treasurer - Laurie Richards, Directors - Clark Mullock, Leger d'Entremont, Tom Crossman, Ken Smith, Robert Hingley, Librarian - Dorothy Richkard, House Committee - Jim Sheridan, Editor - Don Olmstead.

As you can see the Club has taken a big stride in placing four new people on the Executive who have not functioned in that capacity before. Two are Junior members and we hope that will help in planning for the development of the club along lines who can attract and keep the interest of Junior members. More will be said about the new executive in Next Month's Newsletter when we shall also report on President Ron's Annual Report as outgoing President. Congratulations are extended to President-elect Clarey Pelley and those who serve with him in guiding the club's activities for 1975!

Also at the December meeting we held another auction but with rather disappointing results. Seems that everyone either spent their money the previous month in the Red Feather Auction or were saving the money for Christmas!

An especially interesting item at last month's meeting was a brief talk to the club by Ernie Johnson who recently had a bad experience in buying two expensive coins which had been whizzed. No one was able to tell that they had been worked on and it was both interesting and helpful to have a member of the club advise others of some of the pitfalls in collecting. This is the purpose of the club and hopefully more will follow Dr. Johnson's lead in the future.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB

Our November meeting began at 2:00, with an excellent attendance of 21 members and 7 guests. The program planned was "Canadian Coin Quiz", presented by Terri Roach.

Our next meeting is proposed for SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1974, and is our CHRISTMAS PARTY. If you have not already contacted Mrs. MILDRED McLENNAN at our last meeting, November, please contact her at 545-2450, regarding the Christmas party.

The HAMILTON COIN CLUB will be holding it's annual elections at the JANUARY MEETING - more details in the January issue.

Also: Our next meeting will take place in a new meeting room, namely the I.O.O.F. Hall, located at 64 WELLINGTON NORTH at 2 P.M. All of our future meetings will take place at this location. Please do not go to the Wentworth Arms Hotel.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The November meeting was well attended, and enjoyed by all. Following a short business meeting a slide presentation on Numismatic terms was shown by the President with the narrative being read by Terry Donovan. It was well read Terry, we look forward to hearing from you again. Following the slides refreshments were served. The meeting concluded with a lively auction.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK I have been very concerned over the lack of interest by several of our members during recent months. Except for a small group of loyal and devoted members our Club would have closed down a year ago, unless an

increase of interest is shown without delay I cannot see how the Club is going to survive. Four to five years ago we were amongst the most active of clubs, not only in just South Western Ontario but in my belief, anywhere in Canada. No community the size of Ingersoll anywhere throughout the Country had a more active club. It would be a shame if lack of interest and support at this time were to let the Club die.

I have been President of the Club for 7 of the over 13 years the Club has been in operation. I am unable, because of health reasons to continue in office. It is time for some of our executive officers to take a more active role in club affairs, also for members not yet on the executive to take office in some capacity.

This is the last time I shall be writing as President though you have not heard the last of me yet. I will remain a member and will, if you are willing, give the occasional talk and slide presentation. I would appreciate being responsible for the organization of our annual programme for the Ingersoll Kiwanis Easter Seal Fund.

Another reason the Club should remain active, I have been making contact with the I.D.M.C. newly formed Coin and Stamp Club. With a little effort we should be able to attract some of these juniors to our Club also Harry Eisenhower, a Honorary Member of our Club has donated \$10.00 to the Club to pay our dues for 1975 in the Canadian Paper Money Society.

Prospects for the future are good if enough members will accept office when nominated.

I give sincere thanks to the 1974 executive who helped me to keep the Club going. I hope sufficient of our members will care enough to keep the Club in operation.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Forty one members and guests attended the regular November meeting with President in charge. In the opening discussion, member C.T. Harris displayed a brass imitation of the George III spade guinea for members to view. This piece had been mentioned on P. 95 of the Bulletin in Lloyd Smith's article on the "Origin of Computing Jetons."

The mailing of some of the \$10.00 Olympic Coin Series II obverse dated 1974 with the Series I World Map reverse rather than the Temple of Zeus provoked considerable discussion. The question was whether this was a true act of fate or an advertising gimmick to promote sales by a junior or senior employee.

Reports were received from members who had attended recent shows in the area. Winning members were Art Leff and Howard Whitfield at both Tillsonburg and Oshawa. Bill Payne took the Best in Show at Stratford and Sarnia. In the former, Ted Leitch and Tom Masters also took prizes and in the latter, Mrs. Hodge and Tom Masters were winners. At the Torex show Bill Payne took the Best in Show Award of \$150.00 and Mackie Smith won in medals. The latter commented that he did not think it appropriate for the names of winning displays to be announced at the very end of the show. This did not give the public a chance to become knowledgeable of what a winning display looked like, nor the contestants to make a final analysis of the various displays. The public should have at least several hours to improve their knowledge of numismatics by concentrating on an analysis of why displays win or lose at the larger shows.

One of the highlights of the evening was the awarding of Life Membership No. 10 to Mr. Sam Smith. President L.T. Smith said Sam has worked diligently for the L.N.S. for many years (Sam has curtailed his activities more recently for reasons of health, secretary's comment), he was active on the Executive and many of the

L.N.S. shows, being very keen on detail. Sam produced many prize winning and Best in Show displays, featuring crowns, Canadian and U.S. coins, etc.

President L.T. Smith made an offer to establish a Literary Award, to be contributed by himself, which he would discuss at the next Executive Meeting.

MONTREAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Twenty five members and their guests attended the Montreal Numismatic Society's regular November meeting. A lively Trading Session was held followed by an Auction. Mick Carter gave a talk on "The Golden Sovereigns", and exhibited a very beautiful and complete type collection of this theme.

Peter Broeker gave a talk on the Coinage of the City of Danzig in conjunction with a complete exhibit of this formerly Free City's coinage.

Because of Christmas Holidays, the Club's December Meeting was held on the second Tuesday of December rather than the usual fourth Tuesday.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

48 members and guests turned out for the November meeting, to hear Mr. Leslie Brown talk about the Roman Army and its Appearance on Roman Coins. Les is the Vice President of the Canadian Young Numismatists Association, Secretary of Central Coin Club, and Advertising Manager of the Ancient Coin Society. Those in attendance were very impressed with Les' knowledge of his subject, the ease with which he presented his material and the interesting, uncomplicated nature of his talk.

The Nominating Committee presented its slate of nominations for the 1975 club executive. They are: President Stanley Clute, 1st. Vice President Frederick C. Jewett, 2nd. Vice President Paul Johnson, Secretary Mrs. Lucille Colson, Treasurer George Fraser, Directors - Miss Jean Orr, Mrs. May Bunnett, R. Strong, Junior Director - Jon Jones.

When the floor was opened for nominations, Harvey Farrow was nominated for the position of Director, by Jean Orr, seconded by Mrs. E.M. Beatty. Except for the three offices of Senior Directors, the slate was accepted by Acclamation. The three Senior Directors will be elected from among the four nominees at the December meeting. The President appointed Ted Banning 1975 Editor.

THE STRATFORD COIN CLUB

The Stratford Coin Club held its regular meeting on December 9, 1975 at St. Johns United Church - Douro and Waterloo Streets.

Attendance this season has been steadily increasing from 28 in September to 39 this meeting.

The attendance draw for a 1974 Silver Dollar was won by Mrs. Frieda Reis.

The evening was highlighted by a takeoff of the T.V. programme "Lets Make A Deal" and everyone present had an opportunity to make some cash!

Frank Smith and Ken Wilmot of the Club appeared on a talk programme on the local radio station and from the questions that came in, it was apparent that tremendous interest abounds about Stratford.

The Ontario Numismatic Association Convention was thoroughly discussed and a progress report was given. Coming up on April 26th and 27th, 1975, the Club members support was welcomed.

The evening concluded with a delicious lunch of fried chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, mince meat squares, cookies, chocolate milk, tea and coffee.

Next month's meeting promises to be another bell ringer. It will take the form of a Wheeling, Dealing, Fun night. Many more coins will be for sale or trade and the dealers are always looking to buy good material. There will also be an auction next month.

Guests are always welcome at The Stratford Coin Club. No admission is ever charged.

The Stratford Coin Club's plans for the O.N.A. Convention on April 26 and 27, 1975 are moving ahead in excellent fashion.

Within one week of the announcement the bourse reservations were being accepted over 30% of the 43 tables had already been reserved. The tables are allocated by the locations requested at a cost of \$55.00 for the table (approximately 8' x 2'6"). This cost includes, one banquet ticket and two registration packets for each request. Information can be obtained by writing Bourse, Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford.

Stratford, noted for its Festival, Furniture Manufacturing, Pine shops and accomodations is out to make this a Show not soon forgotten. Plans for tours through the Festival and Furniture Show Rooms are well advanced along with the general preparations.

Persons requesting accomodations are requested to forward their requirements to Accommodations, Stratford Coin Club, P.O. Box 262, Stratford.

The Victorian Inn, one of Stratfords finest Motor Hotels, will be the site of 75 O.N.A. Convention.

The main theme of this year's show will be "Stratford, Where Hospitality Began." We hope we can show everyone that this is not just a saying.

TORONTO COIN CLUB

November 23, meeting had Bob Aaron show his excellent set of slides which he did on his tour of both the Ottawa and the special numismatic section of the Royal Canadian Mint at Hull, Quebec, it is too bad not many of our members could afford to take the time out to see this set of slides on how our coinage is made.

The nominating committee which consisted of Harvey Farrow who was the chairman, along with Marvin Kay and Herman Gordon proposed the following slate of officer's for the club for 1975-76, which was accepted by the member's present since there wasn't any further nomination from the floor. The executive for the club will be: Past Presidnet Charles Danby, Presidnet Mrs. Ingrid Smith, 1st. Vice Presidnet Dr. Marvin Kay, 2nd. Vice President Herman Gordon, Secretary Terry Campbell, Treasurer Harvey Farrow, Directors Mrs. Retta Frampton, Herschel Howard, Ray Pleau, Sam Rogozinsky, and Gordon Vanson.

The lucky coin attendance draw was picked by Hazel Munro and was won by Charles Danby, who then split it with her for picking his number.

Harvey Farrow concluded the meeting with a very small floor auction with consisted of only 13 lots.

VANCOUVER NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Fifty five members and guests attended the Annual General Meeting on December 5th, during which annual reports were read by the various committee chairmen on the year's activities.

A motion to deface the dies of our Past Presidents' Medals, after striking our limit of 100 bronze and one silver specimens, was defeated by a very close vote after considerable discussion.

Election Chairman Norman W. Williams announced that all officers were elected by acclamation.

The President's Shield for 1974 was won by our secretary, Violet Bedford, in appreciation of her untiring efforts and enthusiastic support of our society over the past several years. Winners of our annual display competition for entries at our monthly meetings during 1974 were: 1 - Ralph Burry, 2 - Leslie C. Hill, 3 - Peter Moogk.

Display winners of the evening were : 1 - Ralph Burry (Gold Seal Liquor Co. Tokens), 2 - Norman Williams (Fare Tokens of B.C.), 3 - Peggy McCuaig (Moose Factory Tokens). Each received a 26-oz trophy.

The penny guess winner was G. Smith. Door-draw winners were: Enid Sheppard, Mrs. M. Nedial, Mrs. Ollie Rohan, John Williams, John McClatchey.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

For our November meeting we had 28 members and guests present. The 8:00 P.M. Draw was won by Derek Villemaire of Waterloo, Ont.

For our evenings entertainment we had 2 detectives who gave an excellent talk on "Break and Entry". They were Detectives R. Westphall and T. Tosheff of the Waterloo Regional Police Department. These men brought with them some of the articles used in break and entry crimes committed as well as some photos of break and entry attempts. They showed how easy many places can be entered by slipping the locks with pieces of plastic, or store locks by loosening some screws as well as a number of other ways and means to gain entry.

It would appear that if certain individuals want to get into your home or apartment no matter how well protected, they probably will. However there are several precautions that can be taken to make it harder to enter. Here are a few.

Have good dead locks on your doors so you have to lock it before you leave your home. Have a stick the width of your sliding door laid in the track so that these doors cannot be opened. Cut sticks to fit in your windows so they cannot be raised. Use the "Buddy System" when going away for holidays, such as having your neighbour pick up your papers and letters, shovel the snow, cut the grass or put out the garbage pails to make your home looked lived in. You can also have timers on your lights to turn them on and off at certain times, keep blinds up and curtains open will also help. If you trust your neighbour give him a key to your home so he can look inside if necessary.

If you have purchased a used safe be sure to change the combination, as the former owner could open it. Take a few of these precautions and I'm sure you will have a safer home.

Our guests were introduced by Wilf Erb and thanked by Ed. Stahley. If any further information is required, call your local police and they will help you to the best of their ability.

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COIN FLAB

By The Editor of The North Shore Num. Soc. Bulletin

In a recent conversation with a well established coin dealer in town it was pointed out that the hobby of collecting was on a much sounder basis in the west than the east. It was his observation that western collectors (Winnipeg to Vancouver) were more interested in collecting for the hobby of it. The western collectors worked at improving their collections, conscientiously, buying pieces to upgrade and enhance their sets towards an ultimate completion. He considered the western collectors as the sound strength of coin collecting. On the other hand, he found the eastern market to be rife with speculators and accumulators whose primary interests were monetary gains. Collecting was a secondary issue. At one particular coin show (Torex) he saw at least six (count'em) 1948 Silver Dollars which he suspected to be counterfeit. One of them was definitely a counterfeit. When it was pointed out to the dealer-owner, a shrug of the shoulders was all he got. It was his conclusion that the eastern dealers did not have room for any numismatic education and were simply not interested in it. Of course these observations are on generalities and many exceptions east and west exist.

It was also noted that the attitude of law enforcement in regards to numismatics was much healthier in the west with Police willing to work with dealers. This is in regards to protecting people against counterfeits as opposed to indifference in the east.

I can't help feeling that the numismatic fraternity in the west can take pride in these observations. We've known it to be like this for years - it's about time they heard about it in the east.

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